

TEACHERS NEAR END OF SESSION

Lively Contest on for the Presidency of State Association.

HOLD DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Morning Taken Up by Specialists Who Enter Into Discussion of Pertinent Problems Before Educators.

With J. S. Welsh as a leading candidate for president of the Utah State Teachers' association, and F. M. Briggs, superintendent of the state school for the blind as his leading competitor, the teachers will this afternoon assemble for the final session of their fifteenth annual convention. This morning department meetings were held in the high school buildings.

Since Principal Eaton of the Salt Lake High school held this position, it has been held by Supt. Allison of Ogden, Supt. Eggertsen of Provo, and Prof. George Thomas of Logan. Mathonihah Thomas of Salt Lake is also in the field.

JUVENILE COURT WORK.
That they will work through the legislature with a united front to secure better laws for the children of the streets and better supervision from the juvenile court was a decision arrived at by the members of the juvenile court section. E. G. Gowans was elected section president for next year, and J. Fred Anderson was selected as secretary.

The paper of most interest to those present was that by Judge Gowans on "The Mental and Physical Condition of Juvenile Delinquents." At its conclusion a lively discussion occurred in which George Snow Gibbs, J. Fred Anderson and Parker B. Pratt participated.

"The most serious fault of delinquent children," he said, "is a lack of—not health—but food. Badly nourished children are the rule. The great majority of delinquent children come from unsatisfactory homes, and nearly all unsatisfactory homes are presided over by women who lack the first qualification of parenthood—a knowledge of the science of nutrition."
"Truancy," said Judge Gowans, "is the first step in delinquency, and almost all of the children who run away from school and are brought before the court, explain that they feel that the teacher has it in for them." As a result of his observations Judge Gowans favored building a detention home for mentally defective children.

PLEA FOR AGRICULTURE.
Before the superintendents' section, Supt. Thomas McKay of Ogden made an extended plea for reaching the boys of the rural grammar school with an education in the rudiments of agriculture. He argued that only 2 per cent of the boys who leave the grade schools reach the universities, and that the remaining children go mostly into agriculture and the industries right from the grammar grades.

Papers were read before this session by Wm. Allison of Ogden, on "The Relation of the Superintendent to the School Board," by Supt. Eggertsen of Utah county, on "What County Superintendents Can Do to Lead Patrons to Assist Educationally," and by John Sundwall on "Physical Defects that Retard Mental Development." A. C. Nielson was re-elected president of the section.

The school board section elected C. C. Crapo of Sandy, president, and W. Thayne of Carbon county, secretary. Papers were delivered by Carl E. Marquison of Price, and Prof. Byron Cummings of the University of Utah.

At a meeting of the crafts section, Miss Althea Wheeler was elected president for next year, and S. R. Brown, secretary. In the grammar department, Oscar Van Cott was elected president, and Viola Sorensen, secretary.

TWO INVESTMENT DEALS.

O. F. Peterson completed a deal this noon for the transfer from R. E. Miller and Hines W. Dixon to Fred K. Lyon for \$10,000, 49½ feet front by 155 feet, on Third South street, between First and Second West street, the purchase being made for investment. Mr. Peterson also completed last evening a deal for the transfer from C. E. Taylor to Fred K. Lyon for \$2,000, 165 feet front by 155 feet, on the west of the above mentioned property which is opposite the Covey flats. The purchase in this case was also for investment, as property in that part of the city promises to materially enhance in value at an early day on account of the assurance of the new passenger station of the Rio Grande road.

"SWITCH" ARTISTS SENTENCED

Word has been received here from Winnipeg that Philip Greenberg who, with his pals, Alfred and Sadie Copeland, got into the clutches of the law for diamond stealing by working the "switch" game, has been sentenced to a term of eight years in prison. Nothing is said about what happened to the Coplands. This pair were in Salt Lake several months ago and tried the "switch" game here but were given "floaters" out of town.

LAWMAKERS MEET TODAY.

The senators-elect and representatives-elect of Salt Lake county are meeting today in the offices of Elias Conway Ashton, the meeting beginning at 10 a. m.

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NO PROSECUTION OF EX-CHIEF VAIL

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near killing me, and I made up my mind he would never touch me again. . . . I have some papers in my possession that shows where it went to, but I don't care what he does, but I feel that I have a right for him to at least give me some money to live on when I am sick, for I am willing to work when I can. I guess Mr. Bennett the best thing I could do would be to buy a six shooter and come to Salt Lake on the quiet and end it all. And now I will close, trusting you will do this for me, I don't tell him I wrote to you. Hoping for a speedy answer I remain as ever, Respectfully,
"MRS. C. VAIL,
"1141 West First street,
"St. Louis Apt."

Who got the money, if Chief Vail did not? Mrs. Vail claims to have papers which show.

MEN "BORROWED" FUNDS.

Members of the Salt Lake fire department generally concede that the fund has gone for all time, and there is not much evidence of lamentation among them. Practically everyone assumes an attitude of indifference, all except Chief Glore, who feels that Vail should have turned the fund over to him as Bywater did to Vail and Devine to Bywater.

Some of the men have admitted that they "borrowed" money from the fund and while some paid part of it back, others did not feel called upon to do so. They argue that it was theirs and if they could get some of it, all well and good. One man stated that he got \$30 from Vail out of the fund and paid back \$15.

But the men who are complaining most are those who have seen years and years of faithful service on the fire fighting force, men who devoted the best part of their lives to the service and who were kicked out of the department for political and religious reasons by the crowd that controls, or tries to control, the destinies of the "American" party.

A few days ago an ex-official of the fire department held a consultation with County Atty. Hanson and Sheriff Emery with a view to filing a complaint against Vail and have him brought back to this city to make an accounting of the fund. It was admitted that they did not contemplate a conviction for embezzlement, breach of trust or any other crime, but were simply anxious to know what became of the money and stocks and when and how they were disposed of and to what use they had been put. Apparently nothing came of the conference, as Vail was released from custody at Reno.

UP TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The firemen have in effect organized, but they can do nothing, they say, until they get legislative sanction for which they will work when the next legislature convenes. A committee composed of Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo, Park City, Logan, Eureka and Murray firemen will work with the legislature to secure the backing of the state in the matter.

The fund was in Vail's possession when he was removed from the department and a large majority of the firemen signed a petition to make Vail the custodian of the fund until such time as their organization is completed and incorporated when he would be expected to make an accounting. A majority of the men signed the agreement and Vail got the fund but it is said that he did not get the signed petition.

WHAT CHIEF GLORE SAYS.

"I saw Vail several times and demanded an accounting," said Chief Glore, "and he promised to attend to the matter and give me an accounting of the fund. He said he had not neglected to do so. He said the fund was all right and then later told me that it was as much his as anybody's. That's why I asked him to council to sift the matter to the bottom."

It is rather significant that the council has done nothing in the case, especially in view of the startling declaration of Mrs. Vail to the effect that she had the names of "American" party officials who got some of the money and also the names of firemen who got some of it. Whether or not Mrs. Vail's statements are correct remains to be seen as the names, dates and amounts of which she claims to have a list, are not forthcoming.

But as stated before, some of the firemen are determined to probe the matter to the bottom and if it is possible Vail will be forced to make an accounting. They are of the opinion that a disclosure would reveal some startling facts and show that "American" party officials have dipped their fingers into the fund, hence the lack of frenzied interest on the part of certain councilmen.

Special Xmas Dinner at the Cullen. See Menu on page 7.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Gov. and Mrs. J. C. Cutler will receive on New Year's day.

Miss Elizabeth Niles entertained informally last night at her home, a new game being introduced. Christmas colors and emblems were the decorations and music was a feature of the evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnemort leaves today for Provo to spend the holidays with her daughter.

Mrs. D. H. Peery, Mrs. Horace Peery and Mrs. Harold Peery of Ogden spent yesterday in Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cross, who have been visiting with Mrs. S. E. Nelson, have returned to their home in Ogden.

Miss Dorothy Rookledge will be hostess tonight at a coasting party followed

by a supper at her home, about 20 guests being invited.

Miss Josephine Well entertained informally at tea yesterday, her guests being chiefly the young girls home from their respective schools for the holidays, and numbering about a dozen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hunter are expected tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wood leave this week for Seattle.

Mrs. Lewis A. Evans has visiting her, Miss Lucile Murray of California.

Mrs. A. B. Sawyer has returned from a stay of several weeks in California.

Waldemar Van Cott will arrive today from Cornell to spend the holidays.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theater—That merry jingle of songs and dances, sailing under the name of "Little Johnnie Jones" winds up its engagement at the theater tonight.

Tomorrow night the first appearance of the New York success, "Paid in Full" will be made in Salt Lake. The drama is one of the biggest successes of recent days and ranks alongside "The Man of the Hour."

Orpheum—Big business is anticipated at the Orpheum Christmas afternoon and evening. The advance sale for both performances is already very heavy.

Colonial—With the Christmas crowds to draw on, the Colonial looks for a spurt the latter part of the week. "The Devil's Auction" remains the bill.

Grand—A new policy will be inaugurated at this house Christmas afternoon, when the Scott company will present the four-act drama, entitled "The Queen of the Rockies," interspersed with vaudeville features.

Lyric—The change of plans at this house has resulted in a spurt of business, and big crowds are looked for on Christmas day.

The New Lyceum—The thrilling drama entitled "The Flaming Arrow" will run out the week at this house. Complete changes will be inaugurated with the beginning of each week. All the heat radiators are now installed.

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YOUNG TO SHOW IN PITTSBURG.

From the Pennsylvania academy of the fine arts has come to Mahonri M. Young of Salt Lake an invitation to send to its one hundred and fourth annual exhibit, a collection of bronzes which Mr. Young has now on exhibit at the National academy of design in New York City. Mr. Young took the bronzes with him on a recent trip to the east, and placed them at the Academy of design, where they have attracted

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wide attention. John E. D. Trask, manager of the Pennsylvania academy saw them there and as a result has written the following letter to Mr. Young:

"This academy is desirous of including in its one hundred and fourth annual exhibit, which opens Jan. 30 next, your work mentioned in the enclosed order which is now in the exhibition of the National Academy of design in New York.

"I sincerely hope that you will allow us to have it in our show. If you will do this we will secure your work in New York, bring it to Philadelphia and return it at the close of the show without further trouble or expense to you."

A postscript to the letter reads: "I wish you were nearer to us."

HOLD SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Utah Gas & Coke company is being held today at the local offices of the company, with 50 per cent of the capital stock represented. The call was for the purpose of increasing the company's capital stock to \$2,000,000, to divide the stock into different kinds and classes. At the hour of going to press the meeting had not been completed, but enough was done to make it plain that the purpose for which the meeting was called will be carried out.

SHEEP IN GOOD CONDITION.

Dr. C. F. Bontrager of the bureau of animal industry is in town from Luch where he was stationed to inspect the sheep trailing from southern Idaho across northwestern Utah to the winter ranges in Nevada. He says the sheep were in good condition, and ought to winter well. Col. Hickox, local chief of the bureau, is confined to his quarters at Holy Cross hospital with a malady of long standing.

W. P. R. R. TO OPEN THROUGH TO WELLS

Clerical Force Under S. V. Derrah Now Busy Getting Out Freight Tariff Sheets.

The opening of the line of the Western Pacific railroad from Shafter, Nev., to Wells, a distance of 44 miles, is looked for nearly any day now, and the local clerical force, under S. V. Derrah, who has charge of the traffic affairs of the Western Pacific in this city, is working hard preparing tariffs for use on the extended line.

The roadbed has been completed and the rails laid between the two points, and some few trainloads of coal have passed over it, but regular traffic has not yet been instituted over the line. Everything is in readiness for the event, and according to Mr. Derrah will take place in a very short time.

This will give the Western Pacific a completed line west of Salt Lake, a distance of 205 miles, the first division of 161 miles between Salt Lake and Shafter having been placed in operation on Nov. 9. Two hundred and twenty-four miles of the western end of the road out of Oakland, Cal., is now under operation, leaving considerably less than half of the length of the road yet to be connected up in gaps under construction in Nevada and California.

TO VISIT EXPOSITION CITY.

Chauncey P. Overfield, secretary of the Utah commission for the Alaska-Pacific-Yukon exposition, was authorized at a meeting of the commission held in the governor's office today to visit Seattle, the exposition city, to see what Utah needs in the matter of space and buildings for the affair.

A CHECK FOR ENSIGN.

Horace Ensign is in receipt of a check from an eastern vaudeville company that exhibited at the last state fair, which reads: "Pay to the order of Horace Ensign 365 blisful, happy days for the coming year." The check was drawn on the Bank of Prosperity, and neatly gotten up. Mr. Ensign will have it framed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RETURNS.

Atty.-Gen. Breeden returned this morning from a six weeks sojourn at Ocean Grove near Los Angeles with his family, leaving Mrs. Breeden improved in health. Major Breeden says he knew nothing whatever of the fire losses sustained by his son until he arrived in Salt Lake, as he was en route from California when the fire occurred. He states that on Jan. 1, when his term of office as attorney general expires, he will engage in general law practice, with the firm of which he is now a member.

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LATE LOCALS.

Local Bank Clearings—Today's local bank clearings amounted to \$1,116,548.01. It was a legal holiday a year ago today.

J. A. Samborn's Xmas Gift—Joseph A. Samborn, agent of the Pacific Express Co., is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon the arrival of a new son at his home. All are doing nicely.

Christmas Programs—Bishops, choir leaders and ward committees are notified that the Saturday News will be pleased to print their programs of Christmas music if they are furnished the city editor not later than 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Governor Calls Conference—A meeting of those interested in the work of the juvenile courts has been called by the governor for 2 p. m. today. The subject of the meeting is the discussion of various problems which confront the conduct of the courts, and the possible advisability of new legislation.

Breeden's New Quarters—Following the fire which destroyed the premises occupied by the Breeden Office Supply company on west Second South street Monday evening, arrangements have been made by the company for temporary quarters in the Dooley building in the stores formerly occupied as the city ticket office of the Rio Grande lines. Their telephone numbers are unchanged.

PERSONALS.

Judge Street has gone to St. Louis on business.

W. E. Hubbard has returned from a two weeks' absence in California.

Dr. J. F. Critchlow is at St. Mark's hospital being treated for quinsy and rheumatism.

Dr. Orson Howard, who has been ill the last two weeks, is convalescing and will soon be around again.

The many friends of Miss June Edmonds will be pleased to hear that she is rapidly convalescing from a recent serious illness.

DECREE ENTERED.

Judge Morse has entered an order granting a decree of divorce to R. T. White from Allie E. White, on the ground of desertion, the defendant defaulting. The couple were married here in April, 1884, and the desertion complained of took place in the same month in 1907.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

ALICE GOLD & SILVER MINING CO. Notice of annual meeting. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alice Gold & Silver Mining Company for the election of directors and officers for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, in the Utah Savings & Trust Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, 1909, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. Transfer books close on Monday, Dec. 28, 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m., and reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. W. ALLEN, Secy.



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